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## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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- 1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: prior art of record considered as a whole alone or in combination neither anticipates nor renders obvious, a combustion chamber with perforated wall and tubular element for air/abrasive mixture feeding connected to a feeding tube located concentrically and fastened to each other, in combination with the rest of the limitations in claims 1 and 12; prior art of record considered as a whole alone or in combination neither anticipates nor renders obvious, a slide-valve rod and a seat with the axial channel and is equipped with a means for independent regulation of the seat position with respect to the position of the slide-valve rod and means for abrasive loosening, the slide-valve rod is installed so as to provide separate spinning and reciprocal motion by connecting the free end to a spinning and reciprocating drive, in combination with the rest of the limitations in claim 18.
- 2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
- Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung V. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4490. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:00-3:30.

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4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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